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TAC Minutes, 11/09/2011

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 11/9/11, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wayne Chouinard, John Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener.

Missing Members and Associates: Jean Clark, Steve Kurland,

Visitors Present: John Burkhardt, Roseanne Cassazza, Rob Spiegel (School Dept.) Stephan Miller, Ron Sender.

- Public Comments. None.
- Administration.
 - Minutes of 10/12/11 were approved unanimously.
 - Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
- Town reports.
 - Wayne (DPW) reported that many requests have come in from the web via Request/Answer. Many will need to go to Selectmen first. DPW is preparing a pavement management report to assess conditions before developing a list of roads needing attention. Sidewalks are not included. Work at Oakland and Gray is estimated at about \$90,000 to \$125,000.
 - Laura (Planning) reported that Arlington was elected to a seat on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which allocates funding for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). MAPC is interested in sponsoring regional forums on transportation funding and asked if TAC would like to be a local partner. Response was generally positive. Lastly, Steve Kurland has resigned from TAC as Chamber of Commerce rep. Chamber will appoint someone new.
- Schools.
 - Stratton. Ed reported having observed bus drop-off of Thompson students at Stratton. Traffic is being controlled by the Transportation Manager, which is not possible to sustain all year. A Traffic Supervisor is needed. Roseanne Cassazza added that the 5th graders are doing a lot of the traffic management this year. Rob Spiegel noted there are budget considerations for adding a traffic supervisor. Jeff responded that TAC's recommendations are purely operational. Voted: TAC recommends the addition of one Traffic Supervisor, in both afternoon and morning, at the corner of Chatham and Pheasant for the duration of the time that Thompson is at Stratton. Unanimous.
 - Also in the Stratton area, there was a request for a one way sign at Wheeler Lane. Corey said

he thought that neighbors don't want more signs in that area. He will observe and report back.

- Brackett. John reported a problem on Colby Road, blocking of driveways. Corey met with principal about it. It's a private way, so police can't ticket there. Owners' only option is to post it for no parking, tow zone, and then engage a towing company.
- Ottoson. Met with Safe Routes to Schools coordinator Heather Drake, Maria Lawcewicz, Principal Tim Ruggiere, and Elisabeth. Focus will be on education and selecting strategies most likely to be effective with the age group. Ottoson is the 2nd Middle School in the state to adopt Safe Routes program.
- Flags. Seems to be going well. Possible new locations at Broadway and at Spengler Way.
- CLAMP. Laura presented options for Route 60/Mass. Ave. intersection. Will bring options to Selectmen Nov. 21, followed by a public meeting. We will need to narrow it down to one option, then go into 25% design.
- Mass. Ave. Corridor Project. Nearing end of 75% design to be submitted to MassDOT Highway Division for their comments.
- Green Line Extension. Rich reported the State has delayed its projected start date to 2018. Probably for financial reasons.
- Route 77 Key Bus Routes Program. Working Group report going to Selectmen November 21. Laura will ask MBTA if repairing sinkhole at the Bus Turnaround could be included in project, in order to move one or both taxi stands into Bus Turnaround. Voted unanimously to approve report to Selectmen.
- Mass/Water/Spengler. Police recommend 1 bollard in crosswalk, with "No Left Turn" sign; remove "Right Turn Only" at intersection; install advance warning sign at Water St.; "No Left Turn" sign exiting Library, and one also facing Water Street. Ed will send memo to Selectmen asking for additional time for testing the solutions to the problems at this intersection.
- Lake Street. Group hasn't met yet.
- Everett/Raleigh. Report to Selectmen will be drafted for Nov. 21 meeting.
- TAC Social. January 11.
- Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting packet for November: Agenda, 11/9/11; Minutes of 10/12/11; BoS/ARB Project Status, 11/9/2011; Status of Outstanding Actions, 11/3/2011; Current TAC Projects and Working Groups, 11/9/11; Actions from 10/12/11 TAC Meeting; Email from Chen-Yuan Wang (MassDOT) to Laura Wiener, Elisabeth Carr Jones et al Re. Mass. Ave. at Appleton St. Intersection Study Update, dated 11/1/11; Proposals for Route 60/Mass. Ave. Intersection (CLAMP Grant), 11/9/2011;
- Memo to Arlington TAC Meeting from Route 77 Working Group (Laura, Howard, Elisabeth, and Scott) Re. Proposed MBTA Route 77 Improvements, dated 11/9/11;
- Memo to TAC from Wayne Chouinard, Re. Update Items, dated November 9, 2011
- Email to Laura Wiener from Scott Smith Re. Hubway and CLAMP, dated 10/17/2011